

Grace Episcopal Church, Kirkwood – Update to COVID parish guidelines 6/1/2021

Sunday and Tuesday morning Holy Eucharist and other worship services.

Grace Church asks anyone entering our buildings to be masked and to keep social distancing.

After sitting in a pew on the correct side, we will be following these guidelines:

- The nave's Gospel (left) side will remain 6' social distancing, with every other pew closed.
 - Masks will be mandatory. All unvaccinated or partially vaccinated people will sit on this side.
 - Those fully vaccinated who prefer to remain masked and 6' socially distanced will also use this side.
- The nave's Epistle (right) side will have 3' social distancing, with every pew available.
 - Masks will be optional. Only fully vaccinated people (and children, ages 2-11 sitting with their families) may sit on this side.

All of our staff, including both clergy, are fully vaccinated, as is all our choir and altar party.

Around the altar, social distancing will remain the same 6'-15', but masks will be optional. The exception to this is clergy will be masked when distributing communion as we have the potential to come into close proximity to the un/partially vaccinated. We will continue our practice of 6' distancing for those coming forward to receive communion (the body of Christ only) and continue the use of hand sanitizer. Books will have been returned to the pews.

Our baptismal font will be filled. The font filters the water with UV light and a paper filter.

Our Coffee Hour will continue with all food and beverages behind a Plexiglas screen. Only two assigned servers who are masked and gloved will serve the food and beverages. Social distancing will be observed in the Parish Hall. Masks may be removed for eating and drinking when seated.

Our building will remain locked during the week, with our current Ring Doorbell system in use. As all our staff are fully vaccinated, masks will be optional for them. All others, vendors, maintenance, etc. will remain with masks mandatory.